STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
NITIN SINGH D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 08-28A
LICENSE NO. ~~4926~~ 6076	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 1st day of ~~May~~ JUNE CHR 2009, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Nitin Singh, D.V.M. ("Dr. Singh"), License No. ~~4926.~~ 6076 CHR This Agreement resolves a charging document filed by the Board in April 2009 alleging that Dr. Singh violated the Maryland Veterinary Practices Act and its affiliated regulations regarding the care and treatment of Migo, an eleven-year old poodle owned by Jane and Robert Harris in February 2007.

Under State law, the Board is the licensing authority responsible for regulating the practice of veterinary medicine in this State, which includes filing disciplinary actions against veterinarians charged with violating provisions of the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act, Agriculture Article §§ 2-301 *et seq.*, Annotated Code of Maryland and regulations adopted hereunder. As part of its authority, the Board "may refuse, suspend, or revoke any application or license, and censure or place on probation any licensee . . . if the veterinarian .

. . [f]ails to comply with Board rules and regulations after receiving a license." Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., § 2-310(8). In addition, the Board may also impose a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 in lieu of or in addition to the suspending a veterinarian's license. Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., § 2-310.1.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Singh, by entering into and signing this document, while generally and specifically denying liability in this case, agrees to this Agreement & Order, acknowledging that the Board has sufficient evidence to find, as fact, that he

a.) Treated "Migo" with Ampicillin Trihydrate and Prochlorperazine injections but did not document the dose or routes of administration in "Migo's" medical record;

b.) Inadequately noted the fluid therapy he used on "Migo," and

c.) Failed to document that he discharged "Migo" to his owners and gave them specific instructions to discontinue the administration of Rimadyl.

Based on these finding of facts, Dr. Singh acknowledges that the Board could conclude as a matter of law that he did violate the Veterinary Practice Act and its regulations, specifically COMAR 15.14.01.10 (recordkeeping).

In addition, Dr. Singh, acknowledges that the Board has sufficient evident to find as fact that he prescribed Metronidazole in the amount of 250 mg twice daily (65mg/kg ~~big~~ BID CHR), which was an excessive dose for a dog of "Migo's" weight. Based on this finding of fact, Dr. Singh also acknowledges that the Board could conclude that he violated the minimal standard of care expected of a veterinarian in this State, a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.07.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 1st day of ~~May~~ JUNE CHR 2009, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that

a.) Dr. Singh is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $625.00 (Six hundred twenty-five dollars);

b.) Dr. Singh's license is suspended for a period of one week; this suspension, however, is stayed;

c.) Dr. Singh will serve a period of probation of six months from the date of this Order. Violation of probation (he is charged and the Board ultimately concludes that he's in violation of the Maryland Veterinary Practices Act during the period of probation) will result in the stay being lifted, and Dr. Singh having to serve a one week suspension for the charges resolved here; and

d.) Dr. Singh will complete 3.0 credit hours of continuing education in clinical pharmacology as approved by the Board.

Chris H. Runde, DVM

Chris H. Runde, D.V.M.
President
Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

CONSENT

I, Nitin Singh, acknowledge that I have had an opportunity to consult with legal counsel before entering into and signing this document. By this Consent, I hereby acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board over this matter and to issue and enforce this Consent Agreement and Order. In order to resolve this matter, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order, consisting of three pages.

I sign this Consent without reservation as my voluntary act after an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I acknowledge that I fully understand the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.

05/26/09.
Date

Nitin Singh, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26th day of MAY, 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Nitin Singh, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Bhanmatie Durgapersad
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

BHANMATIE DURGAPERSAD
NOTARY PUBLIC
Prince George's County, MD
My Commission Expires June 30, 2009